

## House Resolution No. 4293

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents whose graciousness, community-minded spirit, and generous philanthropy enhance the quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, Ray T. Barker and Alexandra Fox of Kansas City are the owners of a home built in 1885 in the Queen Anne Victorian style at 212 Park Avenue; and

**Whereas**, on November 22, 2008, Ray T. Barker and Alexandra Fox will open their house as one of four homes featured on the Pendleton Heights Holiday Homes Tour; and

**Whereas**, the earliest resident and owner of Barker/Fox home was Charles Cookson, and the 1888 History of Kansas City, Missouri states that his Cookson Iron Works Company manufactured steam and hydraulic freight and passenger elevators, a company that provided elevators for many of the large buildings in Kansas City; and

**Whereas**, at least two owners later, Doug and Billie Cowan bought the newly renovated home in 2002, and on a snowy Saturday in December 2005, Ray Barker and his wife, Alexandra Fox, moved into their newly purchased home; and

**Whereas**, using the 1940 land survey photograph, Barker and Fox are making every effort to return the home to its original design, an effort that includes removing the wood-box columns on the front porch and replacing them with period-designed spindles, returning the utility room back into a bedroom, installing period doors throughout the home, repairing the pocket doors, and installing a vintage lamp in the dining area; and

**Whereas**, future plans for the home include removing the tile in the entryway to expose the original wood floor; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such outstanding Missouri citizens as Ray T. Barker and Alexandra Fox at momentous times in their lives:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the dedication and contributions embodied in the lives of Ray T. Barker and Alexandra Fox and to convey to them this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of their willingness to open their lovely and historic home to the public during the Pendleton Heights Holiday Homes Tour; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Ray T. Barker and Alexandra Fox of Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative John Burnett  
District No. 40

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4293, adopted October 2, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker